

## Chelsea Projects Underway

- Affordable Housing Trust Fund Staff Position
- Civil War Soldier Monument Restoration
- Garden Cemetery Rehabilitation
- Marlborough Street Community Garden
- Governor Bellingham-Cary House Assessment & Rehabilitation
- Congregation Agudath Sholom Building Rehabilitation

### Funds Available

CPC awarded \$270,000 in the pilot round and plans to disburse approximately \$1 million in each year going forward.



## To Learn More

### CPC Plan

Chelseama.gov/  
CommunityPreservationPlan



### CPC Website

Chelseama.gov/  
community-preservation-committee



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# Build a Stronger Chelsea

Get a Project Funded  
by the Community  
Preservation Act



## What is the Community Preservation Act (CPA)?

The CPA is a state law that allows a community to create a dedicated fund to support community development projects.

In 2016, Chelsea voters adopted the CPA and authorized the city to collect a 1.5% surcharge from real estate property taxes for the CPA fund. The state also contributes to the fund through an annual match.

A local Community Preservation Committee (CPC) meets regularly and establishes CPA goals and priorities based upon community input.

### How to Apply

During an open solicitation period, anyone can submit an application to request funds for projects in one or more of the following areas:

- Affordable Housing
- Open Space & Recreation
- Historic Preservation

The CPC evaluates each application and submits its recommendations to the Chelsea City Council for final approval.

### Who Can Apply

- Individuals
- Community Groups/Associations
- Non-profit Organizations
- City Government



## What could you imagine and implement in Chelsea?

### Examples of CPA Projects in other cities include:

#### Affordable Housing

- The Cambridge Housing Authority purchased condominium units throughout the city and permanently preserved them as affordable rental housing.
- The Easthampton Affordable & Fair Housing Partnership provided funding for down payment assistance, closing costs, homebuyer education and housing rehabilitation for low-to-moderate income people.
- The Town of Stow purchased deed restrictions on existing housing units, ensuring that the units remain affordable in perpetuity.

#### Open Space and Recreation

- Talbot-Norfolk Triangle Children's Garden in Boston connected their garden to a city water source.
- An Eagle Scout in Chelmsford constructed a canoe launch.
- The City of Gloucester rehabilitated a skate park.

#### Historic Preservation

- Bridgewater designed and installed an HVAC system for the library's historic document room.
- The town of Dartmouth updated an inventory of historic buildings built before 1851.
- In Stockbridge, the Trustees of Reservations repaired and conserved a historic garden fence.